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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

9 KRISTOPHER MICHAEL ZIMMERMAN.

Petitioner.

Case No. 3:15-cv-00454-HDM-WGC

11 | VS.

12 || ISIDRO BACA, et al.,

Respondents.

ORDER

15 Petitioner has filed a first amended petition (ECF No. 15). The court has reviewed it
16 pursuant to Rule 4 of the Rules Governing Section 2254 Cases in the United States District Courts.
17 The court will direct respondents to file a response.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that respondents shall have forty-five (45) days from the date of entry of this order to answer or otherwise respond to the first amended petition (ECF No. 15). Respondents shall raise all potential affirmative defenses in the initial responsive pleading, including lack of exhaustion and procedural default. Successive motions to dismiss will not be entertained. If respondents file and serve an answer, then they shall comply with Rule 5 of the Rules Governing Section 2254 Cases in the United States District Courts, and then petitioner shall have forty-five (45) days from the date on which the answer is served to file a reply.

DATED: August 2, 2016.

Howard D. McKibben

HOWARD D. MCKIBBEN
United States District Judge